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Dear Howard,

The stuff is enticing and I think the tenuous (at present)ties could be made straight and solid. So I thought about it for the last few days. Do I want to go into it, begin the reading, the remembering, the contacting, the locating of old dead leads? And when I looked at it that way, I came to the conclusion that I don't. What I amount to now is a man who'll do a one day story or a two day story but who doesn't want to do anymore.

As long as the meager income holds up, I want to spend my time as described. When it runs out, if it does (I finally have some hopes for my new novel) then I won't have any dchoice but to go back heavily into reporting. But even though it means disappointing old comrades like you, I am not going to put on the harness again. I admire you for staying in despite your ailments.

Best,

LHW